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UNIVERSITY BUDGET CUTS

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS AFTER A MEETING AT COIMBRA UNIVERSITY JAN 26 CALLED FOR A NATION-WIDE STUDENT STRIKE FOR JAN. 30 AGAINST UNIVERSITY BUDGET CUTS. OUT OF THE TWENTY STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS ATTENDING THE MEETING, THIRTEEN VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE STRIKE AND SEVEN ADOPTED A "CONCILIATORY" ATTITUDE TOWARD MIDEED. STUDENTS SAID THEY WOULD ALSO DEMAND THAT MASS COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY IMMEDIATELY REOPEN RADIO ESTUDANTIL. NEW COMMUNIST MORNING DAILY "O DIARIO" HAS SO FAR BEEN THE ONLY PAPER TO PUBLICIZE THE PROPOSED STRIKE. COMMENT: EDUCATION MINISTER VITOR ALVES RECENTLY TOLD AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST THAT IF STUDENTS HAVE TO STRIKE, HE WOULD PREFER THAT THEY STRIKE AGAINST BUDGET CUTS. ASSUMING THAT STUDENT STRIKES ARE SOMEWHAT INEVITABLE, WHAT ALVES MEANS IS THAT HE WOULD RATHER HAVE THE STRIKE DIRECTED AGAINST A GENERALIZED BUDGET CUT AT EXISTING UNIVERSITIES WHERE HE IS REPORTEDLY NOT IN FAVOR OF INCREASING FACULTY AND STAFF THAN AGAINST THE NEW EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS (I.E. UNIABE, UNIV. OF AZORES, LISBON UNIV. NEW SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ADDITION OF THE CIVIC YEAR OF STUDY) WHERE THE FUNDS ARE BEING REDIRECTED.

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